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1. 鬼明の名称

パンツ型使い換ておむつ

2、特許請求の範囲

- 1. 被体透過性の表面シートと液体不透過性の製面 シートの間に吸収体および段ギャザーを形成する 伸級弾性体が配置されたパンツ型使い捨ておむつ において、前記表面シート、裏面シート、吸収体 からなるおむつ本体の最方向両端部に、硬水体 シートに伸縮弾性体を摂取したウェストバンドを 個えたことを特徴とするパンツ型使い物でおむつ。
- 2. 疎水性シートからなるウエストパンドが伸縮性 不能布である時収取1記収のパンツ學使い捨てお 62.
- 3. 疎水性シートからなるウエストパンドが、伸駆 性不暇布を伸張状態にして他の不健布、返恩性 フィルムと貼合したものであるカ東項12枚のパ ンツ型使い捨ておなつ。
- 4. 疏水性シートからなるウエストバンドの番周囲 方向に張設された仲昭弾性体が、複数本で引つ即

記複数本の伸縮弾性体のうちの設関を倒寄りに位 買する少なくとも1本が、股ギャザーを形成する 伊福弾性体とアナ状又は十字状を形成するように 近接あるいは交叉して設けられている請求項1. 2 乂は3 足数のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ。

- 5. 吸収体の収方向質調配近例で接する裏面シート 上に、仲相弾性体を設けた請求項 1 記載のパンツ 単便い捨ておむつ。
- 6. 衷面シートの核方向関係フラップ部に、疏水性 不緩布が退設されている額求項1記数のパンツを 使い捨ておむつ。
- 7. 製面シートの機方向両側フラップ部に、前記扱 節シートとは別体の縦径の斑水性シートを運設し、 フラップ雑郎側は裏面シートに因着され、一方、 吸収体例は表面シートの上に延出されて、その一 節に伸縮弾性体が取付けられ、且つ前配収長の鞭 水性シートの吸収体側に延出された部分の少なく とも股局部領域は要面シートの上面と顧問される ように、親長の脚水性シートと褒励シートが超方 向設同部を挟む両側部分で固着されている諸状項

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1 記載のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ。

3. 発明の詳細な説明

[游戏上の利用分野]

本発明は仲格性と遊気性を有し、凡つ体制に フィットして、はさ心地の良いパンツ型使い捨て おむつに限する。

[従来の技術]

世来パンツ型に形成された使い捨ておむつは知られている。

パンツ配使い捨ておむつは、特通の使い捨ておむつから洗って繰返し使用できるパンツへの移行 即而中に使用されるほか、大人の失数用、病人用などにも使用される。

例えば、特別的53-19246号公場には、使い済代の下はきを形成するのに適した伸縮性のあるいが関の一体機断局の機断方法が提案されている。また、特別的57-77304号公場にはクエストが別され、ウエスト 過側部から見口 医化せびる 結合 節は重ねることなく 間観されて なる 使いまてのおしめ プリーフ及びロール状の 裏面シー

本発明は上記のような問題点を解決するためになって、止動デーブを必要としないパンツをからないであって、通気性がよく、自動を関したが、自動を関するには、はき心地が良好なパンツ型便い捨ておいた安価に提供することを目的とする。

本発明者等は同記のについて投意検討の結果、従来おむつ本体の成方向両指型に作のを決定していたのを、別なの対質シートに非確弾性体を辿け、これをおいて本の成方向両端型に退設してウエストバンととの対象のようにより、上記問題点の解消になるとの知

ツ材に延伸状態で連続した弾性部材を接割する工程、 吸湿性の当て不を付設する工程、 表面シートをその上に関なる工程と帰口部を形成して反手軸 増に治って折り重ねて、 個別のブリーフにお替、 切断するブリーフの製造方法が関示されている。

更に、特別的81-207605 号公園は、、
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[発明が解決しようとする理題]

しかしながら、従来のパンツ型変い捨ておむつ は、普通の使い捨ておむつのように、前後の傾騒 即を閉鎖するための止着テーブが付股されてあっ

見を切て本発明を完成するに至った。

[短題を解決するための手段]

すなわち、本発明の表別はなってののではなっている。本発明である。というではないのではないではないではないである。というではないである。

本見明は前記疎水性シートからなるウエストバンドが伸縮性不順布である前記パンツ型便い捨ておむつである。

本発明は前足酸水性シートからなるウエストパンドが、 卵筋性不腐布を伸張状態にして 他の 不確布、 透路性フィルムと貼合したものである前記パシッ型使い捨ておむつである。

本 死明 は 向 記録 水性 シート からなる ツェスト バンドの 歴 用 囲 方向 に 伸 造状 感 で 报 着され た 伊 編 弾性体 が、 複数 本 で 月 つ 前 記 複数 本 の 神 編 弾性 体 の

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うちの股間形倒音りに位置する少なくとも1本が、 版ギャザーを形成する仲超弾性はと下字状又は十 字状を形成するように近視めるいは交叉して取け られている句記パンツ型使い捨ておむつである。

水発明は可認吸収体の最方面両端部近例で接する更而シート上に、 仲級弾性体を設けた可能パンツ型使い捨ておむつである。

本発明は前記表面シートの機方向両側部フラップ部に、疎水性不軽布が連設されている前記パンツ型便い約でおむつである。

るように近接めるいは交叉して設けられる点に特 歴がある。

このほか本発明のパンツ短使い捨ておむつにおいては、 R ギャザーによる大闘部の評付け補助として、 ウエストパンドの种解弾性体の散を減らし、その代わりに 吸収体の 優方 向 海 順 邸 近 傍 の 裏面シートと後する 型分に、 裏面シート上に 作物強性 体を 20 けることができる。

以下本見明の異成について説明する。

このようなウエストバンドは、前記例示の先行 技術を含めて従来見られないものである。

また、本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、 ウエストパンドの複数の伸縮弾性体のうちの股間 町 別番りに位置する少なくとも1本が設ギャザーを 形成する伸縮弾性体とて字状又は十字状を形成す

また、表面シートの凶器フラップ部に*収*長の**及** 水性不概布を遅設させることができる。

[箕簻粥]

以下本発明の実施例を示す。

第1月は本発明のパンツ型便い物でおむつの完成品の実施例を示すのは図である。身体に確整する表面シート1と内蔵する吸収体3と裏面シート2からなるおむつ本体の収力内容の呼に、本見のの特徴である別体のウエストパンドWが設けられている。ウエストパンドWの上部間周囲には悪圧

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第1 関の元成されたパンツ型使い捨ておむつの 展開平面図が第2 図で、表面シート1 の下方を切 欠いて内部が見えるようにしている。

このようにすることにより、腰周囲はウェスト

水性不識布及いはウレタン繊維などからなる伊窓性不穏布又は仲総性不穏布を伊張状態で一般の不識布と貼合した疎水性シートを用いることができる。また、凝水性不順布の間にウレタン不遜布などの伊護性不顧布を仲張状態で貼着してもよい。

クエストバンドは第3回のように二つ折(第5回に配念回を示す)にしてもよいし、第6回のように確水性シート2枚を伸縮弾性体5.6を挟んで重ね合せてもよい。

第4回は第2回の日~日期部分拡大断面図を示し、2年に存移弾性体4、4の位置を示したものである。

伊随弾性体は図では、糸状ゴムを用いているが、

バンド W の 伊路 弾性 は ち 。 ち に よ り 死 分 に フィット し 、 配 別 間 と 大 脳 断 別 朗 ギ ャ ザ ー 兼 用 の 仲 脇 弾性 体 6 。 6 は 股 ギ ャ ザ ー 用 仲 略 弾性 体 4 。 4 で カ バー し 切 れ な い 町 分 を フィット さ せ る 効 果 が あ る。

本発明は神略弾性体 5。 5 と 6。 6 及び 4。 4の 相乗効果により展周期から大周郎、股間部にかけて身体に無理なくフィットし、着る時は定を通し弱く、着用中のズレ落ちを防止し、股ぐ関も楽にできる特長がある。

また、フェストパンドは風水性不利布などのの様々性で通気性の流材を用いるため、おむつ内がムレない上、上記仲間弾性性が伸張状態で設けられているため、伸幅性にすぐれ、体型の大小を問わてよくフィットすると共にその伸縮性からはかせ

更に収水性の姿面シート1とウェストバンドWの改水性シートを貼合した部分は、要面シートから沈れる排泄物のおみによる個れを防止する効果がある。

クエストバンドは熱可塑性合成繊維からなる疎

沢然ゴム、合成ゴム、クレタンゴム等の糸状、 平 型の伸縮弾性体を、形状を関わず用いることがで、 きる。

第1回、第2句に示したパンツ型便い捨ておむ つの製造方法の一例を第7個により説明する。

このおと取8A図に示すように、取間配ののは倒りの回を入れる部分をダイカッターで連続的に関いている。 放くが、おむつの前後が対称形である場合は図の のように第7図の選択体を観方向中心線からこつ 近りして、ダイカットすればよいが、前側を狭く する場合は二つ折しないで、所望の形状にダイカットして行けばよい。

ダイカットと同時に、二つ折りしてヒートシー

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ル、背面接着テープ又は接着別等により接着した 推計部7の切断は9より切断して第8日別に示す 本兄用のパンツ型使い治でおむつの完成品が好られる。

第7日~第8日回、第8日回に示した本発明の パンツ型使い捨ておむつの製造ラインは、通常の おむつの最方向に恐れるラインと異なり、被方向 に恐れるため次のようなメリットがある。

びかる方に関すっつできるがのからのでは、 いいのでは、 いいのでは、

第16図は本発明のバンツ型便い格で、表面ののののの変形を示するのののできる面図で、表面のである。を表面のでは要面図で、表面のでは要面ができる。というでは要面ができる。では、ののでは、ののでは、ののでは、ののででは、ののででである。

第17回は第16回のB~BPBD分拡大断面倒で、

池位置の吸収性盛報期 111を厚く中庭にして、内面に高吸収性取状物を配置した例を示す。

本 発明で用いられる 高級 水性 粒状物 は、過 常知 られる 高吸 水性 ポリマー 取 子 単 独 成い は これ に 括 性 炭 、 カル ポ キ シメ チ ル セ ル ロ ー ス 、 ゼ オ ラ イ ト な ど を 退 合 し た 粒 状 物 を 用 い る 。

本発明の他の実施例を第12図、第13図に示す。 第12図は砂時計型の吸収体3を用い、その町方向 両端節近例で接する裏面シート2の上面に伸縮弾 性体13、13を設けた本発明の別の実施例を示す一 即切欠き平面図で、第13図は第12図のA-A雌郎 分拡大右側断面図である。

このようにクエストバンドの最周囲と大闘を内部外に、ないないに、ないないないのではないのではない。ないないないないではない。ないないではない。ないないではない。ないでは、おいっと大闘を囲いたない。ないないないない。ないないないないない。

第14回は、おむつ本体の表面シート1の観方向

強水性不凝布14の両端部は関面シート2に接着され、吸収体例に延出された即分は伸延改動かり、投資ではは15、15を考え込み、投資シート1から関節されて、ギャザー立上り部16を形成ので、第18回は第16回ので一と移部分拡展がある。第18回は第16回のでは収方向の股間のをでで、対して、サーマサーを増加17により表面シート1に接着されている。

また、銀水性の表面シート1の機方向面側に前記 キャザー立上り前16を含む紅水性不顧布14が接

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[頬明の効果]

本発明は下記のような効果が得られる。

(イ) おむつ本体の展方向両国邸に、別体の近気性 素材からなるウエストバンドを囲えているため、 者用時過気性がよく、ムレがない。

よに体験弾性体を設けることにより設ギャザー用の伸縮弾性体と共に盟の下の部分と大腿部周囲にフィットし、別れ防止、おむつのズレ客5防止などの効果がある。

- (水) 表面シートの様方向両側フラップがに疏水性 シートを怪物、違設することにより、親水性の 表面シートと疎水性シートの接点で表面シート からの排泄物のにじみによる強れを防止するこ とができる。

(ロ) 資水性の表面シートの収方向過塩型に耐水性シートからなるクエストパンドを貼着、連股した部分で表面シートからの排泄物のにじみによる別れを防止する効果がある。

また、おむつをは方向に走行させて製造でき るため、吸収体の設問邸を中隔にして吸収能力 を切加させることも可能である。

(ニ) ウエストパンドの下部の沖縄弾性体の代りに、 吸収体の収方向凶端部近くで投する協面シート

> トに収納されるため、挤泄物が返指肌に接触せ す、不快感がないという効型が得られる。

> また、親水性の表面シートの模方向内側に森水性シートが接着、選起されているので、表面シートから吸収体に吸収した複状排泄物の遅れを防退いは表面シートから溢れた排泄物の遅れを防止する効果を有する。

本発明のパンツ型便い捨ておむつは、上記のように伸縮性と通気性を有し、且つ体型にフィット して、はき心域が良く、特限もし易い、すぐれた 性能を有するパンツ型便い捨ておむつである。

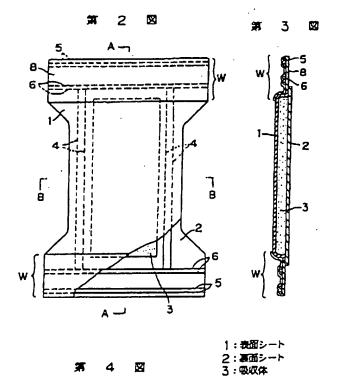
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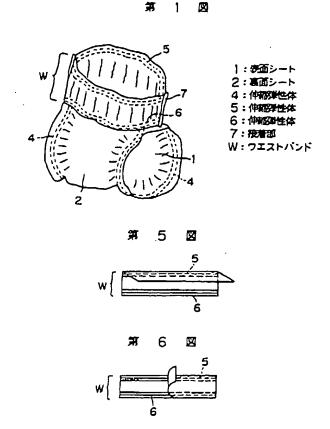
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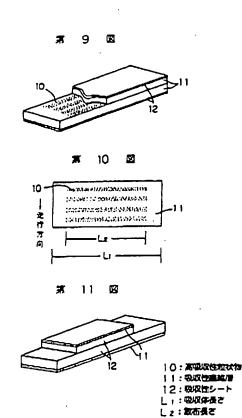
9 回は高吸収性粒状物理を吸収体内部に促ける一 例を示す到景園、第10分は、温吸収性粒状物の及 布及さを示す庭見平面図、第11回は吸収体の中央 部を中裔にした斜被閉、第12同は伸輡弾性体の設 取位置の支援所を示すパンツ型使い始て おむつの 一郎切欠き展開平面圏、第13回は第12時の日~日 韓郎分拡大断面図、第14回は本発明の他の実施の を示す一部切欠き屈肩平面図、第15関は第14図の A - B 韓部分拡大断面層、 到 1 5 図 は 本発明の 他の 支路房を示す一郎切欠き展頭平面園、第17屆は乳 16因のB-B韓部分拡大断面間、第18回は第16回 のC-C糠郎分拡大断面図である。

1 … 表面シート、2 … 貫面シート、3 … 吸収体、 4 , 5 , 6 … 伸縮弹性体、7 … 准碧郎、8 … 疏水 性シート、9…切断線、10…ダイカット部、 11… 吸収性繊維層、12… 吸収性シート、13… 伸縮 弹性体、14… 弱水性不履布、15… 伸相弹性体、 16… ギャザー立上り部、17… ギャザー接着部、 18…ポケット。

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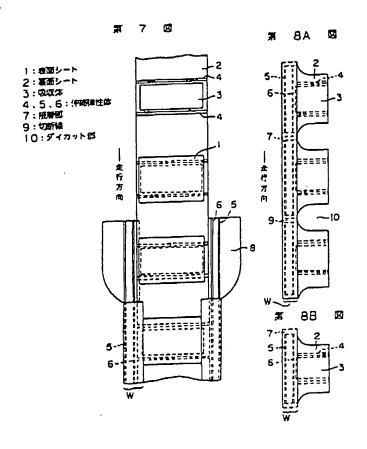


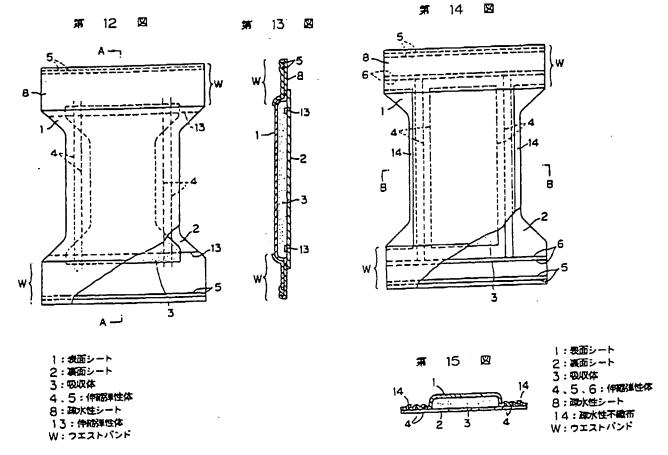


4:仲間弾性体

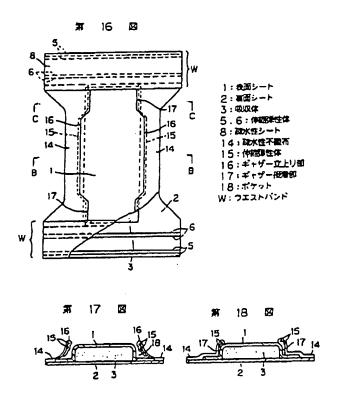
5:仲間對性体

6:伸縮準性体 8:疎水性シート W: ウエストパンド





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SPECIFICATION



Title of the invention:

A panty type throw-away diaper

Z. Claims:

- 1. A panty type throw-away diaper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.
- 2. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.
- 3. A disper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is formed by an expandable non-woven fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its expanded condition.

- 4. A diaper as claimed in any one of Claims 1-3 wherein a plurality of said expandable elastic bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral direction of the waist, and among these expandable elastic bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.
- 5. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein expandable elastic bodies are provided on said back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its opposite longitudinal end portions contact.
- 6. A disper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein hydrophobic non-woven fabrics are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- 7. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein separate longitudinally alongate hydrophobic sheets are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom, the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps are fixed to said back sheet whereas the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to said absorbing body are extended over the front sheet, an expandable elastic body is attached to portion of said

extended portion, and said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheats and said front sheet are joined together in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said portions of said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets as extended toward the absorbing body are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in said crotch portion.

. Detailed explanation of the invention: (Field of art)

The present invention relates to a panty type throw-away diaper having an expandability and an air permeability and is comfortable to wear with good fitting to the figure.

(Prior art)

The panty type throw-away dispers have been previously known.

The panty type throw-away diapers are used in the transition period from the use of usual throw-away diapers to the use of repeatedly washable and wearable underpants and also for sick persons or the incontinence of adults.

In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 19246/78, there is proposed a method of cutting one piece non-woven expandable fabric suitable for forming throw-away underpants. In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 77304/82, there is disclosed a method of producing a throw-away diaper brief having an elastic member in the waist portion and of which connecting

portions extending from the opposite side portions of the waist portion to the opening portions being closed without being overlapped. There is disclosed therein also a method of producing such brief comprising a step of adhering expanded continuous elastic member to a back sheet, a step of affixing a pad, a step of placing thereon a front sheet and a step of forming openings, folding along a longitudinal axis, fusing and cutting into individual briefs.

there is proposed a throw-away panty comprising expandable means around the waist opening and the leg openings and an outer cover formed by an inner layer of liquid impermeable plastic material and an outer layer of non-woven fiber material. Still further, in Japanese Patent Kokai No. 21802/87, there is disclosed a throw-away absorptive panty in which the panty body is folded back about the crotch portion and the opposite side edges are joined together, the crotch portion of an absorptive core is formed narrower and expandable members of a waist band and of a pair of leg holes are adhered under expanded condition.

(The problems to be solved by the invention)

The conventional panty type throw-away diapers have drawbacks that the air permeability is low and inside the ponty is stuffy which together with the excrements presents uncomfortableness to wearers when securing tapes are provided to close the front and back side edges or when the side edges are joined together by means of an adhesive.

Furthermore, though the expandable members are provided in the waist band, femur portion and crotch portion for the better fitting to the figure, there has been proposed no panty type throw-away diaper prevented from leakage of the excrements and having good fitness to the body as well as easiness of putting-on/off.

The present invention was made in order to eliminate the above described problems of the prior arts and it is an object of the present invention to provide at low cost a panty type throw-away diaper eliminating the need for securing tapes, having an improved air permeability, enough expandability providing good fitness to the figure and good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

The inventors of this application devoted deep study on said problems of the prior arts and eventually completed the present invention upon finding that said problems are overcome by forming the waist band by attaching an expandable elastic body to a separate sheet of a different material and providing such sheets at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body contrary to the conventional diaper in which the waist band was formed by providing expandable clastic bodies at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body.

(Measure to solve the problem)

According to the present invention there is provided a panty type throw-away diaper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and

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an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.

The present invention provides a panty type thowaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said
hydrophobic sheet is formed by an expandable non-woven
fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable
film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its
expanded condition.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which a plurality of said expandable elastic
bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral
direction of the waist and among these expandable elastic
bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch
portion is arranged in close proximity to or acrose said
expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to
form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter
expandable elastic body.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which expandable elactic bodies are provided accommodating the incontinences of infants and adults or for sick persons.

In the present invention, the term 'waist bands' refers to air permeable hydrophobic sheets separate from the diaper body consisting of a three-levered laminate comprising a front sheet, an absorbing body and a back sheet and attached to the longitudinal opposite ends (opposite ends in the direction passing through the abdominal portion, crotch portion and waist portion) of said diaper body (refer to the member W in Fig. 1), contrary to the waist band which is formed by attaching under tension expandable elastic bodies to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body as was conventionally usual.

Such waist bond has not been proposed by any prior art including those quoted above.

The panty type throw-away diaper is characterized by that among a plurality of expandable elastic bodies of the waist band at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.

In the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the crotch gathers are mostly formed, as seen in the above quoted prior arts, by providing expandable elastic bodies around the openings through which legs are passed or inserted and these expandable elastic bodies are arranged

in parallel with the expandable clastic body of the waist band portion. Furthermore, there has been also proposed a diaper in which the expandable elastic bodies are provided at the opposite sides of the crotch portion. Though such expandable elastic bodies are erranged at right angles to the expandable elastic body of the waist band, they are short and their opposite ands are considerably spaced apart from the expandable elastic body of the waist band so that the construction of such conventional diaper is different from that of the present invention in that both of the expandable elastic bodies are largely spaced apart in the former. Conventionally, there has been also proposed a panty type throw-away diaper in which a curved expandable elastic body is provided from the femur portion to the abdominal portion.

In the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invenion, as an auxiliary means for tightening the femur portion, it is possible to decrease the number of the expandable elastic bodies of the waist portions and to provide, instead thersof, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact.

Furthermore it is possible to provide longitudinally elongate hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom.

Still further, it is possible to provide separate

longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom, to fix the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps to said back sheet and to extend the remaining portions over the front sheet toward the absorbing body sides, and to join together said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets and said front sheat in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in the crotch portion. The hydrophobic sheet may be joined to the front sheet in other portions than the longitudinal crotch portion or in parts in the opposite portions between which the longitudinal crotch portion is positioned.

(Embodiments)

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described.

panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention. Waist bands we which are separate or independent from a diaper body consisting of a front sheet 1 which contacts with human body. A built-in absorbing body 3 and a back sheet 2 and constituting a characteristic feature of the present invention are secured to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body. An expandable elastic body 5 for waist gather is provided along the upper waist

portion of the waist band \underline{W} and another expandable elastic body 6 for gather for the waist and femur portions is provided in the lower portion. The opposite sides of the waist bands \underline{W} are formed as joining portions 7 to form a panty or drawer. Inside the lateral opposite end portions of the front and back sheets 1 and 2 contacting with the periphery of the femur region, there are provided expandable elastic bodies 4 for gather.

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of the completed panty type throw-away disper of Fig. 1 having its lower portion being broken away to show the inside.

The expandable clastic bodies 4. 4 for forming crotch gathers are adhered in the expanded condition between the front and back sheets 1 and 2. Contrary to the conventional panty type throw-away dispers, the opposite ends of the elastic bodies 4. 4 are extended to and form T-configuration with the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 of the waist bands W. W closer to the absorbing body 3 which form gathers around the waist and femur regions. The elastic bodies 4, 4 may be arranged in close proximity to the inside one of the elastic bodies 6, 6 or may extend across it in the cross configuration.

With this arrangement, the waist portion fits well by the expandable elastic bodies 5, 5 of the waist bands \underline{W} and the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 for the gather around the waist and femur regions are effective to impart fitness to the portions which are not given fitness by the crotch gather elastic body 4, 4.

With the combined effects of the elastic bodies 5.5. 6.6 and 4.4, there are brought about advantages that the diaper of the present invention naturally fits to the human body in the region extending from the waist region to femur and crotch regions, that the legs can be easily passed through the diaper when it is worn, that the slipping down of the diaper during it is worn is prevented and that the diaper can be easily taken off when it is removed.

Furthermore, inside of the diaper does not become stuffy because hydrophobic and air permeable material such as a hydrophobic non-woven fabric is used for the waist band, the expandability is superior because the expandable elastic bodies are attached under expanded condition, the fitness is superior regardless of the sized of the human bodies and the diaper can be worn easily because of its expandability.

Furthermore, the joining portions between the hydrophilic front sheet I and the hydrophobic sheet of the waist portions are effective to prevent leakage of the excrements flowing from the front sheet by permeation.

For the value band, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric of thermoplastic synthetic fibers, an expandable non-woven fabric of urethans fibers or the like or a hydrophobic sheet formed by affixing an expandable non-woven fabric under tensioned or expanded condition to a usual non-woven fabric. Otherwise, an expandable non-woven fabric such as an urethane non-woven

fabric may be affixed under expanded condition between hydrophobic non-woven fabrics.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the panty type throw-away diaper along the line A-A of Fig. 2. As seen in Fig. 3, each waist band w is formed by folding double a hydrophobic sheet 8 which is separate from the front and back sheets 1 and 2 and adhering the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 inside the folded sheet 8. The lower end and upper and of the hydrophobic sheet 8 is adhered to the back sheet 2 and the front sheet 1, respectively.

The waist band may be folded double as shown in Fig. 3 (i.e. as schematically shown in Fig. 5) or two hydrophobic sheets may be overlapped each other with the expandable slastic bodies 5 and 6 being interposed therebetween.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the diaper along the line B-B of Fig. 2, showing the positions of the clastic bodies 4, 4.

In the illustrated embodiment, though a rubber thread is used as the expandable elastic body, a use can be made of also a thread-shaped or flat expandable elastic body of natural rubber, synthatic rubber or urethane rubber without being limited to a particular shape.

A method of producing the panty type throw-away diaper shown in Figs. 1 and 2 will now be described with referring to Fig. 7

A liquid impermable back sheet 2 wound in a roll is pulled-out and the absorbing bodies 3 and the expandable

alastic bodies 4. 4 are sequentially adhered on the pulledout back sheet 2 and then after having adhered the liquid
permeable front sheets 1, the hydrophobic sheets 8, 8 on
which the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 have been
adhered are folded double and adhered on the front sheet 1
and back sheet 2 from the upper and lower sides to form the
waist bands <u>W</u>.

Thereafter, the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion where the legs are inserted or passed through are sequentially cut away by die cutters as shown in Fig. 8A. However, when the front and back sides are symmetrical, the continuous body shown in Fig. 7 may be folded double about the longitudinal center line and cut by a die cutter. When the front side is narrower, the continuous body is to be cut in a desired shape without folding double.

Completed diapers shown in Fig. 8B are obtained by cutting along cutting lines the joining portions 7 formed by folding double and adhering by means of heat seals, adhesive double coated types or adhesives simultaneously with the die cutting.

The line for producing the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention as shown in Figs. 7. 8A and 88 brings about the following advantages because it runs laterally contrary to the conventional longitudinal run.

In order to enhance absorptivity, it was conventional to place a layer of highly water absorptive

polymer particles 10 inside the absorbing body as shown in In the longitudinal producing line of diapers, however, the highly water absorptive polymer particles were continuously dispersed in the longitudinal direction so that it was difficult to disperse concentratedly to the the crotch central portions in corresponding to the excremental position. In the present **sldizeoq** to invention, however. it ìe concentratedly to the central portion because the diapers are mvoed laterally. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 10, the length L_2 through which the disperse is carried out (in the direction passing through the obdominal portion and the waist portion) may be any length and may be in any position relative to the length L; of the absorbing body. Fig. 11 shows an embodiment in which the absorptive fiber layer 11 is made higher in the excremental position and the highly water absorptive particles are placed therein.

The highly water absorptive particles used in the present invention may be highly water absorptive polymer particles alone or other particle aggregation comprising a mixture of the highly water absorptive polymer particles and activated carbon, carboxymethylcellulose or zeolite.

Another embodiment of the present invention is shown in Figs. 12 and 13. In the embodiment of Fig. 12 which shows the embodiment in a plan view with a part being broken away, a used is made of a sandglass-shaped absorbing body 3 and expandable elastic bodies 13, 13 are provided on the upper surface of the back sheet 2 at the places where

the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact. Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 12.

By arranging the expandable clastic bodies 13, 13 on the back sheet 2 hear the longitudinal opposite end portions of the absorbing body 3 instead of the expandable elastic bodies of the waist bands for the waist and femur portions, there are brought about advantages that good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and around the femur region, leakage is prevented and slipping down of the diaper is prevented.

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developed plan view of an embodiment in which hydrophobic sheets 14 are affixed on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet 1 of the diaper body in continuation therefrom and Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view teken along the line B-B of Fig. 14. By providing by adhesion the hydrophobic sheets 14 on the lateral flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom, leakage of the excrements by the permeation is prevented by the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet 1 and the hydrophobic sheets 14. contributing to prevention of leakage of the excrements. For such hydrophobic sheet, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric used in the waist bands or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic nonwoven fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away plan view of a

diaper according to the present invention in which hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are affixed to the lateral opposite side portions of the front sheet 1 continuously therefrom and the opposite end portions of the fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions of the fabrics 14 closer to the absorbing body are adhered to the front sheet 1 in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion so that the fabrics 14 are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet 1 at least in the crotch portion.

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 16. The opposite end portions of the hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions extended over the absorbing body wrap in the expandable elastic bodies 15, 15 arranged under expanded condition and are separated from the front sheet 1 to form gathered arising or standing portions 16.

16. Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line C-C of Fig. 16. As shown therein the gathered standing portions 16 are adhered to the front sheet 1 by means of gather adhering portions 17 at the in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion.

By forming gathered standing portion 16 at least in the crotch portion, this portion functions as a barrier for the excrements flowing from the front sheet 1 and the excrements are accommodated in a pocket 18 formed by the front sheet 1 and the gathered standing portion 16. Thus,

this embodiment brings about advantages that it provides good fitness to the human body by means of the waist bands \underline{W} and the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 and that the direct contact of the excrements with the human body is prevented by means of the gathered standing portions 16 formed in the crotch portion. avoiding uncomfortable feeling.

Furthersmore, there are brought about advantages that returning of the liquid excrements absorbed in the absorbing body 3 through the front sheet 1 and leakage of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented. Though the hydrophobic non-woven fabric is used in this embodiment, a use can be made of also a volatile-treated hydrophobic non-woven fabric or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

(Advantages brought about by the invention)

According to the present invention, the following advantages are brought about.

(a) Air permeability is good and stuffiness is less because separate waist bands formed by air permeable material are provided at the longitudinal opposite end portions of a disper body.

Furthermore, since a plurality of expandable elastic bodies are provided in the upper and lower portions of the waist bands under the expanded condition, the diaper well fits around the waist and since the lower expandable elastic body functions simultaneously also for the femur

region so that by the effect combined with the expandable elastic body around the femur region, each opening becomes expandable, providing good fitness to the human body, easiness of insertion of the legs, prevention of slipping down of the disper during when it is worn and easiness of putting-off.

- (b) The leakage of the excrements due to permeation from the front sheet is prevented by the portions where the waist bands formed by hydrophobic sheet are connected to the longitudinal opposite end portions of the hydrophilic front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- easily at a low cost bacause by making the producing line to run laterally of the dispers for continuous production of the same. It becomes easier to place and assemble the back sheet, absorbing body, front sheet and waist bands and to adhere the joining portions and to die cut the crotch portion. Furthermore, since the producing line runs laterally of the dispers, it becomes possible to adjust distribution of highly water absorptive particles in the absorbing body in the lateral direction to the disper and to disperse the highly water absorptive particles concentratedly to the central portion of the crotch portion.

Furthermore, the diapers are moved laterally during producing, the central portion of the absorbing body may be made thicker to increase absorbing capacity.

- (d) By providing, instead of the lower expandable elastic bodies of the waist bands, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact, there are brought about advantages that in cooperation with the expandable elastic bodies for the crotch gather a good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and femur, that the leakage is prevented and that slipping down of the diaper is prevented.
- (e) By adhering, hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral oppsite side flap portions continuously therefrom, leakage of the excrements by permeation from the front sheet is prevented by means of the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet and hydrophobic sheet.
- opposite side flap portions of the front sheet continuously therefrom and securing on the back sheet the portions of the hydrophobic sheets closer to the flap ends whereas attaching expandable elastic bodies under the expanded condition to a portion of said hydrophobic sheets extended over the absorbing body and by joining together the hydrophobic sheet and the front sheet on the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion, there are formed gathered standing portions in the hydrophobic sheets in the crotch portion acting as barriers for the excrements overflowing from the front sheet and the excrements are accommodated in the pockets formed by the front sheet and

said gathered standing portions so that the excrements are prevented from direct contact with the human body and uncomfortableness is obviated.

furtheremore, since the hydrophobic sheets are adhered continuously with the lateral side portions of the front sheet, raturning of liquid excrements once absorbed by the absorbing body and leaking of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented.

As described above, the panty type throw-away diaper is superior, having expandability, air permeability, good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

4. Brief explanation of the invention.

Fig. I shows in a perspective view a completed panty type throw-sway diaper according to the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 2,

rig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line 8-8 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a schematical view of a waist band,

Fig. 6 is a schematical view of another waist band different from the one of Fig. 5.

Figs. 7. 8A and 8B are plan views showing a production line of the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention.

rig. 9 is a perspective view of an absorbing body showing highly absorptive particles placed in the absorbing body.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of the absorbing body showing the distance over which the highly absorptive particles are dispersed.

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an absorbing body in which the central portion is made thicker,

rig. 12 is a partially broken away developed plan view of a panty type throw-away diaper showing another manner of arrangement of expandable elastic bodies,

Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 12.

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developmed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line B-B of Fig. 14.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away developed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention,

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line 8-8 of Fig. 16, and

Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line C-C of Fig. 16.

In the drawings.

- 1 ... front sheet
- 2 ... back sheet
- 3 ... absorbing body .
- 4,5,6 ... expandable elastic body
- 7 ... joining portion

- 8 ... hydrophobic sheet
- 9 ... cutting line
- 10 ... die cut portion
- 11 ... absorptive fiber layer
- 12 ... absorptive sheet
- 13 ... expandable elastic body
- 14 ... hydrophobic non-woven fabric
- 15 ... expandable elastic body
- 16 ... gathered standing portion
- 17 ... gather adhering portion
- 18 ... pockst